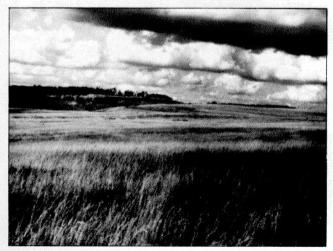
Conclusion

We hope that this discussion of the rule and risk assessment process helps you to understand and be more comfortable with EPA's new standard for beneficial use of biosolids. More detailed discussions of the data, assumptions, and models used in the risk assessment process can be found by reading the Technical Support Documents that were issued along with the final rule and EPA's "Guide to the Biosolids Risk Assessment Methodology for the EPA 503 Rule," EPA/832-B-93-005, which should be completed by the end of 1994.

Additional understanding can be gained from the preamble to the rule and the papers written by the experts who have assisted EPA in selecting appropriate data, assumptions, and models. The rule itself is described in greater detail in EPA's "Plain English Guide to the EPA 503 Biosolids Rule," EPA/832-R-93-003. To help address remaining concerns, EPA has sponsored and will continue to sponsor and foster research and information sharing events, as well as provide technical assistance and written publications.



Strip-mined land in Pennsylvania reclaimed with the use of biosolids.

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